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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT AND REPLACEMENT PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

A Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was issued on January 16, 2004. The present Response is intended to correct and replace the Preliminary Amendment filed October 21, 2003. In addition, Applicants simultaneously filed a Response to Restriction Requirement and a Revocation of Prior Powers of Attorney/New Power of Attorney, which changed the correspondence address to the address indicated at the end of this Response. A copy of the previously filed Revocation of Prior Powers of Attorney/New Power of Attorney is being enclosed herewith. Finally, Applicants also simultaneously filed a Request to Provoke Interference. If any further extension of time or additional fees for the accompanying response are required, Applicants request that

this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required to Deposit Account 50-2548.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.